(d) if so, what is the date and time fixed for the next visit.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (d) A visit by the External Affairs Minister was being planned for some time in April, 1997. The precise dates were to be determined by consultations. It was decided to postpone the visit for a more convenient time for both sides.

[Translation]

Water Supply in Maharashtra

6067. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of drinking water in Maharashtra;

(b) the total shortage in its supply;

(c) the steps taken to improve the situation;

(d) whether the World Bank has provided any special project loan for improving the water supply position; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) Since drinking water supply is a State subject, necessary steps are required to be taken by the concerned State Governments and implementing agencies to provide safe and adequate water supply. The total requirement and shortage of drinking water in each State is not being monitored by this Ministry.

(d) and (e) The World Bank has provided loan assistance for improving the water supply position in Maharashtra. A list of such projects assisted by the World Bank is given in the attached statement.

Statement

List of water supply and sanitation projects assisted by the World Bank in Maharashtra

S.No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in crores)	Assistance (US$ million)	Year of completion
1	2	3	4	5
1.	I Bombay WS & S	185.00	55.00	1981
2.	Maharashtra WS & S	86.00	48.00	1985
3.	II Bombay WS & S	640.00	136.00	1988
4.	III Bombay WS & S	915.00	145.00	1996
5.	Maharashtra Rural WS&S	319.58	109.90	31.12.97

[English]

Fiscal Deficit

6068. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the fiscal deficit as percentage of GDP on Ist July and January during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken to control the same and with what success;

(c) whether the rate of growth of industry and revenue collections shown a downward trend; and

(d) if so, the comparative figures for the last three years ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Comparison of fiscal deficit of GDP is done on annual basis. The details for the last three years are as under:-

Year	Fiscal Deficit (Rs. crore)	% of Fiscal Deficit to GDP
1994-95	57703	6.1
1995-96	60243	5.5
1996-97 (RE)	63131	5.0

The fiscal deficit in 1997-98 (BE) has been kept at Rs. 65454 crore which is 4.5% of the GDP. Government would endeavour to contain the fiscal deficit by controlling expenditure and increasing non-debt receipts.

(c) and (d) The details are as under:-

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Tax Revenue (net to Centre) (Rs. crore)	67454	81939	*97212
Rate of growth in index of industrial production(%)	9.4	11.6	**7.5

* Revised estimates

** Quick estimates for the period April, 1996 to January, 1997.